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Soviet Zone coal production and consumption planned for the months of June, August and the third quarter of 1950. The following figures are indicated for the third quarter of 1950 which was prepared 19 May 1950. The total coal production planned was 848,000 tons. Of this, 215,220 tons were to be allocated for consumption by the coal and lignite mines (119,680 tons), for allowances (Deputate) (3,000 tons), for the manufacture of coke (81,100 tons) and for power stations supplying the mines as well as for gas production (11,440 tons). \* Thus, in the third quarter of 1950, a net amount of 632,780 tons of the domestic coal production was to remain in the Soviet Zone of Germany for consumption. A net amount of 54,560 tons of coke made from coal was to be left to the Soviet Zone out of a gross production of 60,500 tons. 5,280 tons were to be consumed by the coal and lignite mines. Out of the total crude lignite production of 23,045,000 tons scheduled for the third quarter of 1950, 473,000 tons were to be allotted to the consumption of the lignite mines, 14,991,400 as raw material for the low temperature carbonizing plants and hydrogenation plants, and 245,150 tons for power stations supplying the mines and for gas production. \* A net amount of 7,335,450 tons of crude lignite would therefore remain for consumption in the Soviet Zone of Germany. The net amount of lignite briquettes, available for consumption was to be 5,284,400 tons compared with a gross production of 5,661,000 tons, and the net amount of lignite carbonization coke (Braunkohlenschwafkoks) was to be 80,600 tons compared with a gross production of 84,200 tons. \*\*

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\* Comment. Under "allowances" are listed 500 tons of coal, which had to be delivered each month to the Wismuth Corporation for 18 months beginning in July 1949. The lignite mines in the Niederlausitz district and in Hirschfelde (O 51/F 97) have to supply an additional amount of 6,938,400 tons of crude lignite as allowance to SAGs. this allowance of crude lignite was not deducted from the total production when the net amount available for consumption was computed.

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\*\* Comment. All coal mines in the Soviet Zone of Germany are nationalized. The coal production figures reported here therefore indicate the entire Soviet Zone production. However, a great number of

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the lignite, lignite briquette, and carbonization coke production figures only indicate the production of the German plants, while the total Soviet Zone production figure including the SAG's would be considerably higher. Judging from the July and August production plan indicated in another report the total Soviet Zone production planned for the third quarter of 1950 was about 35 million tons of crude lignite, about 9.6 million tons of lignite briquettes and about 1.2 million tons of lignite carbonization coke.

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The coal production of 348,000 tons scheduled for the third quarter of 1950 is very high. Judging from a report on coal production in the first quarter of 1950, only 80 to 85 percent of planned production can actually be fulfilled. However, the planned production for coke made from coal (60,500 tons in the third quarter of 1950) can probably be reached, for this production was about 2,000 tons above schedule in the first quarter of 1950.

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By way of comparison, the following production figures are given for the third quarter of 1949:

Coal Production (in metric tons):

	July	August	September	Total third quarter 1949
Scheduled production	235,776	245,550	245,600	727,926
Actual production	233,682	239,491	210,044	683,217
Percentage of quota fulfilled	99.1	97.5	85.5	94.93

Lignite Production  
(September 1949):

	Waste (in cbm)	Crude Lignite (in metric tons)	Briquettes (in metric tons)
Scheduled production	20,606,000	6,359,000	1,599,000
Actual production	20,728,300	6,842,900	1,746,700
Percentage of quota fulfilled	100.6	107.6	109.2

(Third quarter 1949):

Scheduled production	62,675,000	19,300,000	4,850,000
Actual production	64,924,000	20,303,200	5,384,400
Percentage of quota fulfilled	103.6	105.2	111.0

The actual coal production has therefore always been behind the planned figure while the actual lignite production has been higher than the schedule.

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